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TINCHER WILL BE RANKING DEMOCRAT ON LEGISLATIVE HOMELAND SECURITY COMMITTEE

INDIANAPOLIS—State Rep. Vern Tinchler (D-Riley) has been appointed the ranking Democrat on the Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee.

House Democrat Leader B. Patrick Bauer (D-South Bend) recommended the former state trooper for appointment to the committee.

"Vern Tinchler is an extremely knowledgeable man concerning security issues," said Bauer. "His background and experience will be a genuine asset to the committee as it seeks to provide legislation to aid public safety agencies and ensure the protection of Hoosiers in their daily lives. We are proud to have Rep. Tinchler back in the General Assembly where he can use his talents and outstanding abilities to serve his district and Indiana."

The State Homeland Security Grant Program will provide \$38,768,122 in 2005 for training, equipment, exercises, and planning to help first responders in Indiana prevent, respond and recover from potential acts of terrorism and other possible disasters.

"The Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee is one of the most important legislative committees in the House of Representatives and I am pleased to be appointed as the ranking Democrat," said Tinchler. "Our state must do all we can to prevent a security emergency. It is also critical we provide the funding and assistance necessary to make sure our local public safety officials, especially the first responders, are prepared if and when a security emergency occurs."

"Our police officers, firefighters and emergency personnel put their lives on the line every day to keep Hoosiers safe," continued Tinchler. "Our legislative committee must assist these unsung heroes in every way possible."

In addition to the Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee, Tinchler will serve on the Courts & Criminal Code and the Government & Regulatory Reform committees.

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